GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:735
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SMUGGLING OF CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the said information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of persons/police officials involved in child smuggling sale-purchase of children etc. have been arrested during the last two years;

(d) whether the Government have carried-out any survey to find out the number of children forced into prostitution; and

(e) if so, the finding thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a)&(b) Article 23 of the Constitution expressly prohibits the trafficking of human beings and 'begar' and other similar forms of forced labour and any contravention of this provision is an offence punishable in accordance with law. Further, the trafficking of women and children for immoral purposes is also an offence punishable under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956. Sections 366 A, 366 B, 372 and 373 of the Indian Penal Code penalise selling/buying of inorsfor the purposes of sexual exploitation. The Juvenile Justice Act, 2000 provides for the care, protection, treatment and rehabilitation of neglected or delinquent juveniles including girls. At the regional level, the SAARC Convention on Preventing and Combating Trafficking inWomen and Children for Prostitution was adopted at the SAARC Summit on 5 January, 2002. The Convention seeks to take measures and encourage cooperation amongst the SAARC member countries to prevent the incidence of trafficking.

With a view to combat inter-State and cross-border trafficking of women and children, the Government of India has formulated a National Plan of Action in 1998 with the objective of mainstreaming and reintegrating women and child victims of prostitution in society. Besides, the Government is attempting to bring about an overall improvement in the status of women and children especially the girl child, through better education, health care and economic empowerment of women.

(c) The details of persons/police officials involved in child smuggling, sale, purchase of children etc. are not maintained by the National Crimes Records Bureau. However, the State/UT-wise details of cases of selling/buying of girls for prostitution or procuration of minor girls during last three years are annexed.

(d)&(e) In 1992, the Central Social Welfare Board has conducted a multi-centric study on prostitution in six metropolitan cities viz. Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai. According to the study, in Kolkata and Delhi, the age at the time of entry into prostitution in these cities is as under:-

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Below 15 years :    14.9%
16-18 years        :    24.5%
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The Department of Women and Child Development has recently commissioned a survey of trafficking of women and children in India.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 735 FOR 5.3.3002 REGAR SMUGGLING OF CHILDREN

INCIDENCE OF PROCURATION OF MINOR GIRLS, SELLING/BUYING OF GIRLS FOR PROSTITUTION DURING 1998 to 2000

SL. No	STATEs/UTs	1998			1999			2000			Fig. Are
		Procuration of minor girls	Selling of girls for prostitution	Buying of girls for prostitution	Procuration of minor girls	Selling of girls for prostitution	Buying of girls for prostitution	Procuration of minor girls	Selling of girls for prostitution	Buying of girls for prostitution	upto the Month of
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
1.	ANDHRA PR.	2	0	0	6	0	0	2	3	0	December
2.	ARUNCHAL PR.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	December
3.	ASSAM	13	0	0	29	0	0	21	1	1	December
4.	BIHAR	50	1	0	42	0	0	27	1	0	December
5.	GOA	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	December
6.	GUJARAT	2	1	0	6	0	0	11	0	0	July
7	HARYANA	8	1	0	7	0	0	1	0	0	December
8.	HIMACHAL PR.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	December
9.	J & K	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	December
10.	KARNATAKA	2	2	0	12	1	0	7	0	0	December
11.	KERALA	6	0	0	5	0	0	9	0	3	December
12.	MADHYA PR.	26	0	0	16	0	0	24	1	0	December
13.	MAHARASHTRA	43	1	3	31	3	2	24	5	1	December
14.	MANIPUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	December
15.	MEGHALAYA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	December
16.	MIZORAM	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	December
17.	NAGALAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	December
18.	ORISSA	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	June
19.	PUNJAB	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	December
20.	RAJASTHAN	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	December
21.	SIKKIM	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	December
22.	TAMIL NADU	6	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	December
23.	TRIPURA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	December
24.	UTTAR PR.	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	November
25.	WEST BENGAL	9	5	10	6	7	3	4	4	5	December
TOTAL		170	11	13	171	12	5	134	15	10	
(STATES)											
26.	A&N ISLANDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	December
27.	CHANDIGARH	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	December
28.	D & N JAVELI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	December
29.	DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	December
30.	DELHI	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	December
31.	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	December
32.	PONDICHERRY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	December
TOTAL (UTS)		1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	
TOTAL		171	11	13	172	13	5	136	15	10	
(ALL INDIA)											

SOURCE : MONTHLY CRIME STATISTICS
Note : Fig. are provisional
Bracketed month name indicates non-availability of data for the month.